

## Compliance and Reporting Committee

### (CRC) Meeting

2 March 2026, 11.00am – 1.00pm

Room 6.5, 18 Smith Square, London and

Microsoft Teams

## Paper D: Workplan update

### Key points to note

The committee workplan is brought as a standing item to committee meetings and will evolve in response to issues arising in the scheme. This paper summarises the meetings and work undertaken by each of the CRC's workstreams since the last meeting in October 2025.

### Recommendation

For the committee to note the updated workplan at annex A.

### Working groups summary

The committee workplan for 2026 was submitted to the Board and approved on 24 November 2025. It was previously envisaged that all working groups were expected to conclude by March 2026, apart from that on peer support. However, it is expected that further work is required beyond this point to not only discuss the delivery and implementation of the Fit for the Future regulations and guidance but also determine whether administering authorities (AAs) require additional support. The secretariat believes there are areas which AAs may need further support. The workplan at **annex A** provides an overview of expected workstreams and updates since the last meeting but does not consider the areas raised in paper B which the committee have been asked to discuss during this meeting and could change the expected completed date of the current committee working groups.

### Audit

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Meeting Chair	Nemashe Sivayogan (Merton LB)
Supported by	Melanie Stokes (Staffordshire); Sara Maxey (Essex); Nick Harvey (CIPFA); Melissa Kelly (Cornwall); Peter Worth (TAS Accounting); Joana Marfoh (Islington); Bola Tobun (Tower Hamlets); Jack Bower (The Institute of Chartered

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Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)); Ben Lavelle (MHCLG), Alex Omell (Wiltshire), Sangeeta Surana (Kent) and Grant Patterson (Public Sector Audit Appoints/Grant Thornton)

Start date August 2022

Target completion date March 2026 (will be reviewed once decoupling timetable and exact outputs confirmed)

Meetings since October 2025: None – awaiting English Devolution Bill progress

### **Current position**

The main aim of this working group is to feed into the policy work for the proposed changes to the decoupling of the pension fund accounts.

The working group last met in September 2026 and received an update from Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) officials on the emerging proposal to decouple pension fund accounts from local authority accounts. The Audit Roundtable group met on 7 November 2025.

### **Knowledge and understanding**

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Meeting Chair John Jones (Local Pension Board Chair Tower Hamlets Pension Fund)

Supported by Karen Gibson (Dorset); Nick Harvey (CIPFA); Heidi Catherall (Cheshire); Vicky Jenks (Shropshire); Amanda Crawford (Essex); Will King (MHCLG); Ian Colvin (Hymans), Catherine Pearce (AON), Alison Murray (Barnett Waddington), Nick Gannon (The Pensions Regulator), Lisa Clarkson (LGA), Lorraine Bennett (LGA), Toni Durrant (LGA) and Ross Fraser (Scottish Fund representative)

Start Date December 2022

Target completion Date March 2026

Meetings since October 2025 None

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## Current position

The group last met just before the previous CRC meeting in October 2025. However, in December 2025, the group were provided with an advance draft of the draft governance regulations and knowledge and understand guidance associated with Fit for the Future. The group were asked to provide comments on the contents of the drafts.

## Good Governance

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Meeting Chair	Jeff Dong (Swansea)
Supported by	Kevin Gerard (Carmarthenshire); Nick Harvey (CIPFA); Will King (MHCLG); Nemashe Sivayogan (Merton); Jo Quarterman (Norfolk); Matt Mott (West Yorkshire), Amanda Crawford (Essex), Jo Toomey (Nottinghamshire), Kim Russell (Scottish Fund Representative), Lorraine Bennett (LGA) and Nick Gannon (The Pensions Regulator).
Start Date	November 2022
Target completion date	March 2026
Meetings since October 2025:	16 February 2026

## Current position

The group met on 16 February 2026 and officials from MHCLG provided an update on the progress to date reviewing the consultation responses on both the draft regulations and draft guidance.

## Peer support

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Meeting Chair	Becky Clough (currently)
Supported by	Vicky Jenks, Martin Griffiths (Shropshire), Yvonne Thompson (Hounslow), Miriam Adams (Hackney), Sarah Hargraves (Lambeth), Karen Williams (Clwyd), Nick Gannon (The Pensions Regulator), Glen Cossey, Jo Quarterman (Norfolk), Alistair Wickens (Warwickshire), Vickie Hampshire (West Sussex), Mukhtar Master, Anna

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Lloyd (Oxfordshire), Gillian Taberner (South Yorkshire Pension Authority), Lisa Garton (East Riding), Gemma Farley, Andrew Boutflower (Hampshire), Yunus Gajra (West Yorkshire), Jayne Brown, Junaird Laly (Lancashire), Mala Visram (London Pension Fund Authority), Jill Murray (Scottish Borders Council) and Nick Orton (Tyne and Wear Pension Fund).

Start Date	November 2024
Target completion date	Ongoing
Meetings since October 2025	27 January 2025

**Current position**

See separate agenda item 5.

## Annex A – Compliance and reporting committee workplan 2026

Workstream	Details	Timescale
Audit issues	To share views of administering authorities and scheme employers and input expertise to government to assist in shaping the proposal and implementation for decoupling the pension fund accounts from the main administering authority accounts  To recommend agenda items for the Audit Roundtable meetings.	Target completion date is March 2026 - to be reviewed once timetable confirmed with MHCLG
Knowledge and understanding	To feed views and expertise into updated knowledge and understanding statutory guidance and assist the Board when developing guidance for creating a Training Strategy	Draft statutory guidance consulted on in December 2026  Guidance on the creation of supplemental knowledge and understanding guidance and Training Strategy guidance, to be confirmed once governance guidance completed.
Good Governance	To input into the updates required to governance statutory guidance	New guidance to be ready for April 2026 implementation date
Peer Support	To scope out the feasibility of creating a LGPS peer support offer and delivery peer support pilot events.	Ongoing.
Annual Report guidance	To consider any changes needed to the guidance, considering the outcome of the Fit for the Future consultation and feedback from funds	New guidance to be ready for April 2026 implementation date
Local pension board support and guidance	To strength the support, networking and learning opportunities for local pension	To be confirmed (see paper F)

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Workstream	Details	Timescale
	board (LPB) members	